



The Jeffersonian.

Thursday, June 2, 1853.

WHIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
MOSES TOWNALL, Lancaster County
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
ALEX. K. McCLEURE, Franklin Co.
SURVEYOR GENERAL,
CHRISTIAN MYERS, Clarion Co.

Tall Stalk of Rye.

Mr. PETIT B. PRIMROSE, of Middle Smithfield township, sent to our office on Monday last, a stalk of Rye, which measures 7 feet 9 inches in height. This is certainly an extraordinary product, and we have our doubts whether it can be beat. If any of our farmers can, they are requested to send them along.

Court Proceedings.

The May Term of the several Courts of this County commenced on Monday the 23d ult. Hon. George R. Barrett, recently appointed President Judge of this Judicial District presided, assisted by Hons. A. Levering and A. Storm, Associates.

The following cases were tried, viz: Commonwealth vs. Andrew Pipher.—Indictment for arson in setting fire to and destroying several ricks or stacks of bark in Price township, the property of William S. White. Upwards of sixty witnesses, we are informed, were examined. Verdict—guilty. Dreher and Davis for Commonwealth.—Walton, Barry, Goepf, and Reeder for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Charles J. Price, and Joseph Price.—Assault and battery upon Henry Zeigler. Same vs. same.—Assault and battery upon Franciska Zeigler. These two complaints grew out of the same transaction and were tried by the same jury. Verdict of guilty in the one case against Charles J. Price, and of not guilty in the other as to both defendants, and County for costs. Charles J. Price was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and the costs of prosecution. Dreher, Walton and Davis for Commonwealth; Barry and Reeder for defendants.

Commonwealth vs. Patrick Cahill.—Assault and battery upon John D. Eck. The Jury acquitted Patrick but directed him to pay the costs. Burnett & Dreher for Commonwealth.—Davis for defendant.

Philip Kresge and Jacob Correll vs. Charles Hawk. This was an action of ejectment to enforce the specific performance of a contract entered into by the parties in December 1850, for the sale of a farm in Polk township, containing 350 acres. The defendant asked to be relieved from the performance of the contract on this part, upon the ground that his wife refused to join in a conveyance to the plaintiff, that he was habitually intemperate at the time the contract was entered into, and that the price agreed to be paid was greatly below the real value of the property. The jury returned a verdict at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening in favor of the plaintiffs, subject to the right of dower of defendant's wife. Dimmick and Reeder for plaintiffs.—Goepf, Brooke and Davis for defendant.

REPORT OF GRAND JURORS.

The Grand Jurors after a faithful and careful examination of the present state of the Jail and yard, have come to the conclusion it is not expedient or absolutely necessary at the present time to erect a new building. We would, however, advise or recommend that a small amount of the proceeds of the County be expended in repairing the old one, as the day may not be far distant when a new building may be required.

R. SMITH, Foreman.

H. B. BURNHAM, Esq., of Mauch Chunk, was sworn and admitted to practice in the several Courts of this County.

GUARDIANS APPOINTED.

Peter S. Altemose, Esq., for Lyman and William Bond.

Dr. Sydenham Walton, guardian for Emeline and Samuel Van Baskirk.

M. H. Dreher, Esq., guardian for Enos, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and William Vliet, minor children of Abraham Vliet, dec'd., and also guardian for Harriet, David, John, George and Malissa Vliet, minor children of John Vliet, dec'd.

AUDITORS APPOINTED.

C. Burnett, Esq., auditor of the Estate of Susanna Michaels, a lunatic.

Samuel S. Dreher, Esq., auditor, to audit and if necessary re-settle the account of Radolph Weiss, administrator of the Estate of Henry Weiss, deceased.

Franklin Starbird, Esq., auditor to report liens and make distribution of the proceeds arising out of sale of Isaac Hanna's property.

Licenses were granted to the following persons at this Term, viz:

Hamilton—Sarah Shoemaker, Peter Marsh, Joseph Keller, Simon Trach, Jacob Shafer, George K. Slutter, Melchoir Bossard, Charles Saylor and C. L. Terwilliger.

Collaugh—Henry Whitesell, Malissa Vliet, George Kiple, Henry Hager, Jesse R. Weiss, Samuel Case, John P. Dowling.
Chesnut Hill—John Merwine, Henry D. Shafer, Henry Laufer, Philip Kresge, and Charles D. Brodhead.

Polk—Daniel Kerchner, and James Westbrook.

Pocono—George S. Knipe, Jacob Long and Peter Kemmerer.

Eldred—Joseph Hawk.

Ross—Simon Stocker, Joseph Starner, and James Ely.

Middle Smithfield—Melchoir Depue.

Price—Wilkinson Price, and Anthony Peters.

Stroudsburg—Joseph J. Postens, and Stroud J. Hollinshead.

Paradise—James Henry, and George Ely.

Tobyhanna—Henry Stoddart, and Frederick P. Miller.

Jackson—John R. Ousterhoudt.

SHERIFF'S DEEDS.

Deeds were acknowledged in open Court to the following persons:

A deed to John Merwine, Esq., for a tract of land in Chesnut Hill township, containing 12 acres more or less, sold as the property of William Hans, for \$400.

A deed to John Merwine, for a tract of land in Tobyhanna township, containing 31 acres and 47 perches, property of Joseph Moyer, for \$84.

A deed to John Merwine, for a tract of land in Chesnut Hill township, containing 50 acres and 36 perches, property of Frantz Schram, for \$303.

A deed to Adam S. Edinger, and Jacob Stouffer, for a tract of land in Pocono township, containing 85 acres and 82 perches, property of James S. Bisbing, for \$600.

A deed to Thomas Grattan and Moses W. Coolbaugh, for four parcels or pieces of land in Middle Smithfield township, containing 182 acres, property of Timothy Vanwhy, for \$695.

We have not for many years seen so many persons in attendance as there were during the session of the Court just closed; and from the opinions we have heard expressed, we think that his Honor Judge Barrett, has given very general satisfaction, and has made a very favorable impression indeed.

HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY.—The Sunbury American, a consistent but magnanimous and independent Locomotive Journal, expresses the opinion that Judge Pollock, of that county, will probably be the next Whig candidate for Governor, and says that he is, undoubtedly, the most popular candidate yet named by the Whigs, and if it were possible to elect a Whig, we should say the Judge is the man.

THE COLORED POPULATION OF Reading seem to be directing their steps towards Canada, says the Gazette, as a land which promises them a larger share of freedom and equality than they enjoy here. About ten days ago some four or five families took their departure, and last Tuesday five or six more started off by Rail road, for the "land of promise." A large number of their friends congregated at the depot to see them off, and the leave-taking is described as having been "quite a scene."

A Trial for Murder.

Miss Mary Ann Wheeler, aged about twenty three years, is now on trial at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the Murder of one M. W. Luce, on the 14th of October, last. She is said to be a young woman of good appearance, and of apparently honest and decided character. She was a milliner and mantua maker, and carried on business in Milwaukee at the time of the alleged murder. Luce was her seducer, and afterward not only deserted her and refused to see or speak with her, but boastingly proclaimed his guilt, and even exhibited in the green room theatre and elsewhere the supplanting letters she had sent him. On seeing her in the street, on the 14th of October, he turned from her and affected to be looking curiously into the window of a store, when she walked up to him and shot him dead.—We believe she made no attempt to escape but freely gave herself up to the police, confessing, as she still continues to do, that she is guilty of the homicide, and leaving it to a jury of her countrymen to determine whether the act is worthy a darker name.

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